

AMENDMENTS to the SPECIFICATION

Please REPLACE the paragraphs between "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" and "FIELD", starting on page 1, with the following:

~~The present application is a continuation in part of:~~

~~U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/561,668, entitled "REMOTE AUDITING OF COMPUTER GENERATED OUTCOMES AND AUTHENTICATED BILLING AND ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM USING CRYPTOGRAPHIC AND OTHER PROTOCOLS" and filed on November 22, 1995, issued on June 16, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,768,382;~~

~~and is a continuation in part of: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/624,998, entitled "OFF LINE REMOTE SYSTEM FOR LOTTERIES AND GAMES OF SKILL" and filed on March 29, 1996, issued on February 16, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,871,398, which is a continuation in part of: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/497,080, entitled "OFF LINE REMOTE LOTTERY SYSTEM" and filed on June 30, 1995 and abandoned on July 16, 1998;~~

~~and is a continuation in part of~~ The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/298,226, entitled "REMOTE-AUDITING OF COMPUTER GENERATED OUTCOMES, AUTHENTICATED BILLING AND ACCESS CONTROL, AND SOFTWARE METERING SYSTEM USING CRYPTOGRAPHIC AND OTHER PROTOCOLS" and filed on April 22, 1999, now abandoned; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/677,544, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein by reference,

entitled "REMOTE-AUDITING OF COMPUTER GENERATED OUTCOMES, AUTHENTICATED BILLING AND ACCESS CONTROL, AND SOFTWARE METERING SYSTEM USING CRYPTOGRAPHIC AND OTHER PROTOCOLS" and filed on August 8, 1996, issued on October 19, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,970,143; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/561,668, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein by reference, entitled "REMOTE AUDITING OF COMPUTER GENERATED OUTCOMES AND AUTHENTICATED BILLING AND ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM USING CRYPTOGRAPHIC AND OTHER PROTOCOLS" and filed on November 22, 1995, issued on June 16, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,768,382.

~~and is a continuation-in-part of: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/635,576, entitled "DATABASE DRIVEN ONLINE DISTRIBUTED TOURNAMENT SYSTEM" and filed on April 22, 1996, issued on July 14, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,779,549. The entire contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference.~~